



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/709,842  
Filing Date: June 1, 2004  
Applicant: Steven P. Hanson, *et al.*  
Group Art Unit: 3725  
Examiner: M. Rosenbaum  
Title: FOOD WASTE DISPOSER  
Attorney Docket: 3572B-000142

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Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

Applicants petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action and includes a fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) with this response for such extension of time.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.